(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been considering to enact a comprehensive legislation in the country banning all types of advertisements on tobacco products.

(c) This Ministry suggested that in view of the fact that India has large scope for export of tobacco particularly Virginia and burely types and as tobacco has other potential uses such as environment friendly pesticides, pharmaceuticals, source of leaf protein etc., advertisement for export purpose and uses in other purposese may not be banned.

AID Received from International Organisations for Earthquake Victims

6025. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 760 crores for earthquake relief work in Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that other nations and International Financial Organisations have also granted aid for the victims;

(c) what is the total aid received from abroad so far; against firm commitments;

(d) what is the total amount collected by the Government of Maharashtra for the relief work; and

(e) what is the estimated expenditure and what are the details of monitoring agencies on the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) and (c) The total amount of assistance now offered by various countries and other organisations for earthquake relief in Maharashtra amounts to approximately Rs. 90.00 crores. So far, Government of Maharashtra has received Rs. 66.00 lakhs on this account.

(d) An amount of Rs. 232.25 crores has so far been received as contribution to the Maharashtra Chief Ministers' Earthquake Relief Fund.

(e) The estimated cost of rehabilitation of the earthquake victims is about Rs. 1022.70 crores. The rehabilitation programmes are monitored by the Project Management Unit of Government of Maharashtra.

Inland Fisheries Development Project in Gujarat

6026. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

fa) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal for Inland Fisheries Development Project for starting fish farms in every village;

(b) if so; the details thereof including the total estimated cost of the project; and

(c) the decision proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No; Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

नए बीज तथा फसलें

6027. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश में कृषि-वैज्ञानिकों ने कितने तथा किस-किस प्रकार के नये बीजों तथा फसलों का आविष्कार किया है; और

(ख) इन उन्नत किस्म के बीजों का प्रयोग किन-किन स्थानों पर किया जा रहा है और इनसे किसानों को क्या लाभ हो रहा है ?